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Germans

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4. Complete transfer of Germans from the Recovered Territories was expected by the end of June 1947. The following factors, however, have retarded the schedule:

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- (a) German specialists are needed in the Recovered Territories.
 - (b) Zonal occupation authorities are unwilling to accept more Germans.
 - (c) The PPR does not want to lose prospective party members.
 - (d) The Germans themselves object to leaving.
5. There are indications of planning and organized direction in the recent flow of Germans to the east. The flow is especially noticeable in Oppeln-Silesia where many Germans are returning on the pretext that they are actual Silesian Poles who were transferred by mistake. Arrivals have averaged between 15 and 20 persons per day since September 1946. Many Germans are also fleeing to Poland from the Soviet Zone because of political and economic conditions there.

Ukrainians

6. Inaugurated with great energy, the transfer of populations from the east has slowed down. Soldiers participating in the project do not believe it can solve the Ukrainian problem within two years if current methods are retained.
7. UPA (Ukrainian Partisan Army) bands have dispersed into small units which combine only for major operations. Well-organized communications facilitate the movement of small units. The following UPA activities were reported during May 1947:
- (a) 2 May — Burned the village of Vietlina Korzenice.
 - (b) 5 May — Burned three bridges in the Jaroslaw district.
 - (c) 7 May — Burned the following villages in the Lubaczow district: Nowa Grobla, Niemrow, and Lukow.
 - (d) 9 May — Killed two Poles in Molodycze.
 - (e) 13 May — Attacked a frontier guard post at Olchowice, Krosno district.
 - (f) 24 May — A band of 250 well-armed UPA men requisitioned all bread in Szusko, Jaroslaw district.
8. All Polish villages in the Ukrainian neighborhood must pay a "ransom" to the UOA (Ukrainian Army Organization). "Ransom" is payable in cash and produce, and is collected under threat of death. During May "ransoms" were levied on the following villages: Dunkowice, Piwoda, Wiazownica, Miekisz, and Michalonicach.

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